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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT TACOMA

9 DEREK L. BLANKS,

10 Petitioner,

11 v.

12 TIMOTHY WENGLER, *et al*,

13 Respondent.

Case No. C08-5543 BHS/KLS

ORDER GRANTING
RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO
ANSWER PETITION

14 This habeas corpus action has been referred to United States Magistrate Judge Karen L.
15 Strombom pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local MJR 1, 3 and 4. Before the Court is
16 Respondents' motion for an extension of time to file an answer to Mr. Blanks' habeas corpus
17 petition. Dkt. # 15. Respondents seek an extension until January 12, 2009 to accommodate case
18 deadlines and allow sufficient time to review the state court record. Mr. Blanks has filed no
19 opposition to Respondent's request for an extension.

20 Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

- 21 1. Respondent's motion for an extension of time (Dkt. # 15) is **GRANTED**.
22 Respondents shall file an answer on or before **January 12, 2009**; and
23 2. The Clerk shall send copies of this Order to the Petitioner and to counsel for
24 Respondents.

25 DATED this 6th day of January, 2009.

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28 Karen L. Strombom
United States Magistrate Judge